

SEES GREAT SHELLS
WRECK BUILDINGS

Correspondent Tells How Big
German Guns Are Level-
ing Verdun.

PECK AWAY AT STREETS
AS RAVENS DO AT BISCUITS

Taking Historic Town Apart by
Piecemeal Called Fair Game Un-
der the Laws of War.

BY HERBERT COREY.

VERDUN, May 1.—Today we have seen Verdun in the process of disintegration. The German is a painfully precise worker. He is taking the town apart, street by street, house by house almost stone by stone. When he finishes with an eligible residential neighborhood he shifts the muzzles of his guns an inch to the left and begins to destroy a business district.

"No military purpose is being served by this bombardment," said an observer of today's events. "No fortified town has a military value under the conditions of modern war. The bombardment only destroys."

It must be understood that this is not a complaint. Verdun is a fortified town. Therefore it is fair game under the laws of war. It is merely that one feels the bombardment is rather hard on the Verdun householders, whose property is being torn to pieces to no useful end whatever. If all Verdun is battered to the level of the River Meuse the Germans will not be the length of a hobnailed shoe nearer Paris. The French defense is in the kinky trenches on the German side of Verdun, and not in the narrow streets of this quaint old town. Again, it must be stated that this is not a complaint. This sort of thing happens to be war.

Sentry Yawns at Lonely Post.

We entered through the Porte de France. A soldier yawned at us from the shelter of a sentry house built around by tiers of sandbags. When he saw civilians in the automobiles he grinned slightly. It must have amused him to think that people who could keep a way would voluntarily subject themselves to these Teutonic attentions. Later on we grinned likewise. We began to appreciate his point of view. The town was silent—very silent. Not even a shell fell in the streets. No one walked through them. No carts rumbled over their antique cobbles.

"The Germans are not shelling today," I said to the officer who shared my auto. The officer smiled—a superior smile. It indicated that he knew something I did not know.

We began to roll through burned street after burned street. On either side the houses were roofless. They were without floors and often without walls. Verdun must be a very hard town to burn, for its houses are all built of stone, and the party walls are two feet thick. But the incendiary shells had done the trick. In all these streets every house had been gutted by the flames. The stones were blackened by the smoke, but the constant rain of spring had washed them almost clean. There was no particular appeal in these streets. They were as lifeless as those of Pompeii. Except that no grass had grown upon the ruins—for a

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Was Just as Surprised as Mutt.

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WILL LABOR IN FRANCE

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The senate committee proposes to bring 100,000 more Chinese. The North African colony of Algeria and the protectorates of Tunis and Morocco, as it is pointed out by Henry Berenger, a leading member of the army committee, are able to furnish 100,000 Berberes and Kabyle workmen, while 30,000 at least could be drawn from Madagascar. With the 250,000 colonial soldiers incorporated in the French army since August, 1914, these 250,000 workmen would bring up to 500,000 the number of Chinese, Arabs, Berberes and Kabyles brought to France by the war.

The social consequences of this heavy importation of Chinese labor have not apparently preoccupied either the members of the committee of the army that has been studying the question or the general public. The 50,000 Chinese, whose utilization is already provided for, come to France under a contract for three years, which stipulates that after the war is over these oriental workmen may be employed in any other colonial possession outside of France. This is the only feature of the experiment suggesting apprehension that, after the war is over and the necessity

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FINAL PRIZE DEBATE MAY 18.

Monroe Doctrine Is Topic of Georgetown University Law School.

"That the Monroe doctrine should be discontinued as a part of the foreign policy of the United States," is to be the subject of the final prize debate of the Georgetown University Law School, in the auditorium of the law school, 6th and E streets northwest, Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The affirmative side of the proposition is to be upheld by Edward Thomas Hogan and George Helford. The negative contention is to be presented by James Vincent Giblin and Robert Morgan McCauley.

The judges are Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson, Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, Senator James W. Wadsworth of New York, Senator J. C. W. Beckham of Kentucky and Solicitor General John W. Davis. James P. Rosster is to preside.

Senate Nominee Spent \$3,559.72. Joseph I. France spent \$3,559.72 in winning the recent republican nomination for senator in Maryland, according to a report filed today by the nominee with the secretary of the Senate. His total receipts during the campaign were given as \$7,850. The only expenditure after his preliminary report, filed ten days before the primary, was \$1,225 for newspaper advertisements.

PEACE SOCIETY'S APPEAL.

Suggests Steps by President Wilson to Stop War in Europe.

The American Peace Society met here Saturday and adopted resolutions requesting President Wilson to take the initiative at the earliest possible moment in tendering, in conjunction with other neutral governments, his good offices for the purpose of establishing peace in Europe. "There is evidence," said the resolution, "that all nations, belligerent as well as neutral, long for a restoration of peace."

George W. Kirchwey, professor of law at Columbia University, was elected president of the society, and William J. Bryan, William H. Taft, Andrew Carnegie and Theodore E. Burton, vice presidents.

The society named a committee to study plans for bringing about co-operation between the society and the United States government.

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